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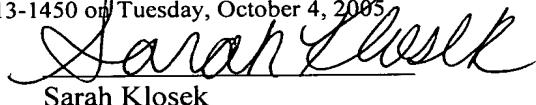
For: **THIN COVERING ALUMINUM PIGMENTS, PROCESS FOR
THE PRODUCTION THEREOF, AND USE OF SAID
ALUMINUM PIGMENTS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to a first office action on the merits of this application, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.